

The School of Computing and Data Science (<https://www.cds.hku.hk/>) was established by the University of Hong Kong on 1 July 2024, comprising the Department of Computer Science and Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science and Department of AI and Data Science.

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Departmental Coursework Requirement for Research Postgraduate Students

a) For MPhil/PhD students registered between February 2013 and January 2017, the coursework requirements are as follows:

- i.

MPhil students are required to take two Graduate Courses, at least one of which must be a core course.

Note 1
- ii.

four-year PhD students are required to take four Graduate Courses, at least two of which must be core courses.

Note 2
- iii.

On an exceptional basis, interdisciplinary research students may be allowed to take courses deviating from i) or ii) above as recommended by their supervisors, subject to approval of the Departmental Research Postgraduate Committee.

b) For MPhil/PhD students registered between February 2017 and January 2025, the coursework requirements are as follows:

- i.

MPhil students are required to take two Graduate Courses, at least one of which must be a core course.

Note 1
- ii.

four-year PhD students are required to take four Graduate Courses, at least one of which must be a core course.

Note 2
- iii.

On an exceptional basis, interdisciplinary research students may be allowed to take courses deviating from i) or ii) above as recommended by their supervisors, subject to approval of the Departmental Research Postgraduate Committee.

[List of the Graduates Courses to be offered to MPhil/PhD students registered from February 2017 and January 2025](#)

c) For MPhil/PhD students registered from February 2025 onwards, the coursework requirements are as follows:

- i.

MPhil and three-year PhD students are required to take two core courses in different areas OR two core courses in Statistics area OR two core courses in the Foundations area, along with one elective course from any areas.
- ii.

Four-year PhD students are required to complete:

a.

Three core courses, each from different areas; or

b.

Two core courses from Statistics area OR two core courses from the Foundations area, and one core course from another area

along with three elective courses from any areas. In addition, students must take the Research Postgraduate Seminar and attend at least 10 seminars per academic year throughout their studies.

Notes

- Students may opt to take additional courses beyond the required number of courses if they wish.
- MPhil students may be allowed to replace one postgraduate elective course with two courses from the School of Computing and Data Science’s Master programme or one postgraduate course offered by other departments, subject to the approval by the School Higher Degrees Committee.
- PhD students may be allowed to replace up to two postgraduate elective courses with courses from the School of Computing and Data Science’s Master programme and/or postgraduate courses offered by other departments, at the rate of two Master programme courses (from the School) for one postgraduate elective course. They may also be allowed to replace one postgraduate course offered by other departments for one postgraduate elective course, subject to the approval by the School Higher Degrees Committee.
- On an exceptional basis, students may be permitted to take fewer courses if they have previously completed similar courses, subject to the approval by the School Higher Degrees Committee.

[List of the Graduate Courses to be offered to MPhil/PhD students registered from February 2025 onwards](#)

The syllabus is currently pending approval from the university and may be subject to change.